

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q68442

Tadahiro KEGASAWA, et al.

Allowed: December 17, 2004

Appln. No.: 10/071,183

Group Art Unit: 1733

Confirmation No.: 2983

Examiner: Barbara J. MUSSER

Filed: February 11, 2002

For: RESIN FILM FORMING METHOD, AND LAMINATE PRODUCTION METHOD AND APPARATUS

COMMENT ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, which was attached to the Notice of Allowability (Paper No. 15), Applicants submit and respectfully request entry of the following remarks:

REMARKS

The Examiner states that "the prior art of record does not teach or fairly suggest forming islands such that cross-sections of the film have only one or two islands along the entire length. It appears that applicant's islands are a single, or two, continuous strand rather than the intimately mixed strand of Thompson (Col. 4, ll. 37-39)." See paragraph number 2 of page 2 of the attachment to the Notice of Allowability.

To the extent that the Examiner's above-cited statement could be interpreted as implying that claims 2 and 3 are limited to one or two continuous strands, Applicants wish to make the

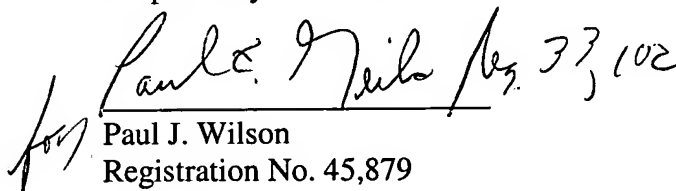
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record clear that claims 2 and 3, as amended, each recite that "said second resin forms at least one continuous strand within said first resin". The "at least one" language does not limit the number of continuous strands, formed from the second resin, to only one or two continuous strands.

Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to discuss this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the local exchange below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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